

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 192-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: July 21, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: PROSTITUTION / BURGLARY UPDATE

This Letter to the City Commission is to provide an update on the Police Department's on-going efforts to combat prostitution and to advise of the arrest of a prolific burglary suspect which had been targeting the North District.

Prostitution details are conducted on a regular basis using undercover detectives from the Strategic Investigations Unit, detectives from the Crime Suppression Team, and uniform Patrol Officers. The most recent major operation was on Friday July 2nd from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the area of 10th – 23rd Street, Ocean Drive to Washington Avenue. During this detail there were 21 arrests made on charges including violation of probation (mapping program) and offering to commit prostitution, as well as 13 other arrests on other misdemeanor charges. It should be noted that many of the prostitutes have been arrested numerous times. Included in this group was a prostitute with 23 prior prostitution arrests. Plans for future prostitution details include attempting to target and arrest the pimps operating behind the scenes.

On July 17th through the combined efforts of the Crime Suppression Team and uniform patrol officers from the North District, a burglary suspect was arrested at 2180 Bay Drive. Although the investigation is still on-going, this suspect is believed to be responsible for as many as 13 burglaries in the North District.

These types of proactive policing efforts will continue with the Crime Suppression Team being utilized to target emerging crime trends.

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